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H. R. 3822

To amend the Animal Health Protection Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an electronic nationwide livestock identification system, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Livestock
5 Identification Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONWIDE LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM;**
2 **REVIEW OF USDA RESPONSES TO OUT-**
3 **BREAKS OF DISEASE IN LIVESTOCK.**

4 Section 10411 of the Animal Health Protection Act
5 (7 U.S.C. 8310) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new subsections:

7 “(f) NATIONWIDE LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION SYS-
8 TEM.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
10 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the
11 Secretary shall establish an electronic nationwide
12 livestock identification system for the identification
13 of individual animals to enhance the speed and accu-
14 racy of the response of the Department of Agri-
15 culture to outbreaks of disease in livestock.

16 “(2) CAPABILITIES.—The livestock identifica-
17 tion system shall be capable of tracing, within 48
18 hours, an individual animal from birth to slaughter.

19 “(3) USE OF EXISTING TECHNOLOGY.—The
20 Secretary may use technology developed by private
21 entities before the date of enactment of this sub-
22 section to operate the livestock identification system.

23 “(4) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
24 may provide financial assistance to producers to as-
25 sist the producers in complying with the livestock
26 identification system.

1 “(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
3 retary for fiscal year 2005 to carry out this sub-
4 section \$50,000,000, of which \$25,000,000 shall be
5 available to carry out paragraph (4).

6 “(g) REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO OUTBREAKS OF
7 DISEASE.—The Secretary may appoint an international
8 panel of scientific experts to provide an objective review
9 of a response by the Department of Agriculture to an out-
10 break of disease in livestock and identify areas for im-
11 provements in such responses.”.

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